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UM EXCELLENCE FUND DRIVE EXCEEDS GOAL BY \$100,000

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana's 1992 Missoula Business Drive set an all-time record by bringing in \$300,117 for the UM Excellence Fund, surpassing its goal by more than \$100,000, fund drive chair Gary Chumrau announced.

Local businesses and individuals have been generous to their university, Chumrau said, noting that the 1992 total represents a 35 percent increase over the previous year's final total of \$222,438. University of Montana faculty and staff contributed \$73,517 to the 1992 drive, a 70 percent increase over their 1991 giving.

"We could not have done it without our workers," Chumrau said, citing the vigorous and ambitious efforts of the fund drive's 150 community volunteers and 23-member steering committee.

The fund-raising effort was greatly assisted by 24 local businesses and individuals who provided pace-setting gifts prior to the Excellence Fund Drive kick-off at the end of September, UM Foundation Annual Fund Director Duane Flamand said. Top pace-setters included the University Center Bookstore, Streamside Anglers/Sun Mountain Sports and the Dennis R. Washington Foundation, he said.

The drive is a major source of income for UM's Excellence Fund, which supports scholarships, faculty development, the Mansfield Library, student recruitment, the Davidson Honors College and other campus programs.

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Now that the 1992 Missoula Business Drive is officially over, the UM Excellence Fund is already recruiting volunteers for the 1993 campaign. Anyone interested in serving as an Excellence Fund volunteer this fall should call Flamand at 243-2593.

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